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## Denali Training Fund Quarterly Progress Report

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Name of Organization: Southeast Regional Resource Center

Name of Project: SE Construction Trades Training, DTF 8-308

Reporting Period: October 1 – December 31, 2008

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Expenditures to date:

Certification: I certify that the information in this report is current, correct and true and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement.

Signed by: Linda Kadrlik Dated January 15, 2009

1. In a few sentences, please describe the scope of your project: SERRC held a two-week Construction Trades Academy, April 13 – 25, 2008, which trained 13 rural southeast Alaska students ages 18 - 24 in basic carpentry skills, career exploration and decision making, and basic certifications needed for carpentry careers. SERRC reported on their progress in previous quarterly reports. Leftover funding was used to assist with a November 17 – 21, 2008 Career Connections session which focused on awareness of Alaska's high growth industries, and involved 21 rural southeast Alaska 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders.

### 2. Project Activities for this Reporting Period:

Describe the grant activities that happened during this report period. Include planning, advertisement and/or training performance that occurred this quarter? List any accomplishments achieved. (Attach advertisements if applicable)

During this period, planning for Career Connections included registration and logistics for the four rural southeast school districts that planned to attend. Union and industry representatives were contacted and given scheduled times to discuss career opportunities with the students. The program, session handbook, and schedule were finalized.

The session included 21 students from Chatham, Klawock, Wrangell, and Yakutat. Field trips, activities, and discussions focused on Alaska's high growth industries as mentioned in the Denali Training Fund Youth Initiative Grant: construction, transportation, healthcare, and natural resource development.

Students visited UAS, UAS Tech Center, Bartlett Regional Hospital, Discover Alaska Tours, Maggie Kathleen Mine Training Center and two workstations of their choice. They spent time in the SERRC computer lab enrolling in AKCIS and ALEXsys, and completed a number of career exploration and job-seeking skills assignments. (See attached chart.) They received Drug and Alcohol Awareness training, and speakers emphasized the importance of being drug and alcohol-free in career situations. Speakers included local representatives from involved unions and industry. SERRC even had two speakers who flew down from Anchorage to join us: BettyJo Dibble, Apprentice Coordinator, Alaska Operating Engineers, and Michael Hurley of Conoco Phillips. Students culminated their week with mock interviews and discussions of the individual career plan they constructed. In addition, Heather Rhoades, ADOL&WD southern Southeast Alaska Career Guide participated in the entire session.

Students received certifications for participation in the Career Connections session, completion certificate for Drug and Alcohol Awareness training, and they completed a program evaluation. Students were encouraged to enroll with the JobX program provided by Youth First funding and coordinated by SERRC. JobX participation gives students paid work experience in their local community. So far, at least 5 students have taken advantage of this opportunity.

### 3. Scheduled Project Activities/Important Dates for next quarter:

It is not expected, but if any funding is left from the November, 2008 Career Connections session, we will apply that funding to tuition assistance for the March, 2009 Career Connections session.

### 4. a. How many are in your training program during this reporting period?

SERRC trained 21 students.

### b. How many people have been trained and/or certified to date from this grant?

Construction Trades Academy, April 2008: 13 students, Career Connections, November 2008, 21 students.

(Please complete form below.)

5. Please list complete the list by putting the community to which each individual trained is from, the type of training and certification, the graduation date and who will employ them upon completion of training.

Community where trainee lives	Type of Training/Service	Type of Certification to be earned/earned	Dates of training	Graduation Date	Employment commitment after training is complete
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See attached chart					

**6. Please identify any problems or changes in your training project that will affect the budget, scope or timeline of the project. Is your training on schedule? What are the reasons for any difficulties or delays? Are you over budget/under budget? Have you had to change the initial scope?**

Please provide an explanation to this change and your resolution to the variance.

Remaining funds from completion of the April 2008 Construction Trades Academy were used to provide tuition scholarships for the November 17 – 21, 2008 Career Connections session. The funds took care of all expenses but travel, and finding district travel funds affected the numbers of students who attended. SERRC planned for 30 students and trained 21 students.

**7. How are you or will you be evaluating the individuals being trained to ensure competency, skill level and understanding? (Testing, assessment, etc)**

Career Connections students discussed their career plan with interviewers as part of the evaluation process, and they completed various session evaluations. We are gathering individual progress reports from the students.

**8. Please identify areas that we can assist you in the future.**

We will continue to provide exemplary career/technical education to rural southeast Alaska youth with funding assistance from the Denali Training Fund. We appreciate your support.

Attachments:

Career Connections session schedule

In a separate document:

- Career Connections group photo
- Sample Career Connections certificate of participation
- Career Connections student accomplishment chart
- Career Connections student evaluation
- Sample Drug and Alcohol Awareness completion certificate